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SUBJ: ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL: THIRD AND FINAL WEEK:  
SITREP 4

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1. COUNCIL CONCLUDED THE FINAL WEEK OF ITS 32ND  
SESSION BY TAKING FOLLOWING ACTIONS.

2. PLENARY:

(A) APPROVED PROGRAM OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS  
FOR 1978-79. HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE: (1) FINAL CCIR STUDY  
GROUP MEETINGS, FOUR WEEKS, JANUARY 9-FEBRUARY 3; (2)  
AERO WARC, FOUR WEEKS, FEBRUARY 6-MARCH 3; (3) ADMIN  
COUNCIL, THREE WEEKS, MAY 15 - JUNE 2; (4) CCIR PLENARY  
ASSEMBLY, TWO AND ONE-HALF WEEKS IN JUNE; (5) CCIR SPM  
FOR 1979 WARC, FOUR WEEKS, OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 17;  
(6) WARC, TEN WEEKS, BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1979.  
RE CCIR PLENARY, JAPAN ANNOUNCED FORMAL INVITATION TO  
HOLD CONFERENCE IN KYOTO, WHICH WAS NOTED BY AC;  
CONSULTATION WITH MEMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE SHORTLY;

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(B) NOTED SYG'S DOCUMENT ON WORKING METHODS OF AC AND  
AGREED TO SET UP INTERIM WORKING GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP  
OF MOLINA-NEGROS, SPAIN, TO MEET AND REPORT TO 1978 EC;

(C) DISCUSSED STATUTE OF JIU AND INSTRUCTED SYG TO  
CONTACT UN LEGAL ADVISER TO SEE IF RESERVATIONS WERE  
POSSIBLE ON CERTAIN POINTS WHICH SPECIFICALLY AFFECTED

ITU. U.S. POSITION, PER INSTRUCTIONS, THAT AC SHOULD RATIFY JIU STATUTE IMMEDIATELY SUBJECT TO THREE SPECIFIC RESERVATIONS WAS SUPPORTED ONLY BY AUSTRALIA. MOST OTHER COUNCILLORS TOOK VIEW THAT STATUTE COULD BE RATIFIED ONLY BY PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE AND EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS OVER GROWING FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS OF JIU. SOVIET DEL TOOK EXTREME POSITION, GOING SO FAR AS PROPOSING THAT ALL FUTURE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO JIU BE SUSPENDED UNTIL MATTER IS AIRE IN PLENIPOTENTIARY, BUT THIS VIEW WAS NOT SUPPORTED. AC FINALLY AGREED TO CONSIDER MATTER AGAIN IN 1978 FOLLOWING SYG'S REPORT ON DISCUSSION WITH UN LEGAL AUTHORITIES.

(D) DISCUSSED KENYAN DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ECOSOX PROPOSING 1980 AS INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS YEAR. INSTEAD OF ENDORSING PROPOSAL, COUNCIL DIRECTED SYG TO INFORM KENYANS THAT AC HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHEN NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY WOULD BE HELD AND COULD NOT SUPPORT LANGUAGE IN DRAFT (DOC. 5063) COMMITTING THE ITU TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS DURING INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS YEAR.

(3) AFTER HEARING REPORT FROM SYG ON HOW UNESCO WAS ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN ITU'S WORK, APPROVED A RESOLUTION (5148/REV." TO BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS ALERTING THEM TO THIS SITUATION AND ASKING THAT THIS SITUATION BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES DEALING WITH UNESCO AND UNGA.

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(F) APPROVED LETTER FROM AC CHAIRMAN TO CHAIRMAN OF UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL ASKING GC TO APPROVE REIMBURSEMENT OF ITU TECHNICAL COOPERATION OVERRUNS OF SF 400,000;

(G) APPROVED A RESOLUTION (5134) DIRECTING SYG TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDP ADMINISTRATOR RE REESTABLISHMENT OF FIVE REGIONAL EXPERT POSTS, WHOLE UNDP FUNDING IS BEING ELIMINATED, AND ASKED ITU MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO ON UNDP GOVERNMENT COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THESE EFFORTS;

(H) TOOK NOTE OF SYG'S DOCUMENT ON PUBLICATIONS, (5061) MODERN FORMS OF PRESENTATION, ETC., BUT DID NOT ENDORSE IT AFTER US REP POINTED OUT THAT PARAS 11 AND 12 IMPLIED SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN PRICES OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY TAPES, MICROFICHE, ETC., TO SUBSIDIZE PRINTED PUBLICATIONS. COUNCIL ASKED SYG TO REPORT AGAIN ON MATTER IN 1978.

3. COMMITTEE 1 (FINANCE):

(A) APPROVED REGULAR BUDGET FOR 1978 OF SF 60,600,000; TECHNICAL COOPERATIVE BUDGET OF SF 7,610,000 AND PUBLICATIONS BUDGET OF SF 6,656,000. PORTION OF REGULAR BUDGET DERIVED FROM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MEMBER STATES WILL BE SF 56,146,000 (UP THREE PERCENT FROM 1977) WITH CONTRIBUTORY UNIT OF SF 131,800 U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF THIRTY UNITS WILL AMOUNT TO SF 3,954,000 OR \$1,581,600 (AT SF 2.50 - \$1.00). RPOA/SIO CONTRIBUTORY UNIT WILL BE SF 22,5000. AC ALSO APPROVED AN INCREASE IN PUBLICATION PRICES OF COST PLUS 25 PERCENT TO MEMBERS (COST PLUS 15 PERCENT IN 1977) AND COST PLUS 65 PERCENT TO RPOAS/SIOS AND OTHERS (COST PLUS 60 PERCENT IN 1977). U.S. LED SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO AVERT ATTEMPT BY NUMBER OF COUN-  
CILLORS LED BY ALGERIANS, TO KEEP COSTS TO MEMBERS SAME AS IN 1977 AND PASS ENTIRE INCREASE TO RPOAS/SIOS. ALL  
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FOREGOING BUDGET FIGURES ARE WITHIN MALAGA-TORREMOLINOS CEILINGS.

(B) APPROVED CREATION OF SPECIAL FUND TO BE ESTABLISHED FROM SALES OF SWISS POSTAGE STAMPS DEDICATED TO ITU. FUND WILL BE USED FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECTS PER WISHES OF SWISS ADMINISTRATION AND ACCORDING TO DESIRE OF AC, IT WILL BE USED IN 1978 TO FUND SUCH ITU REGIONAL EXPERTS AS CANNOT BE FUNDED FROM UNDP SOURCES. (SEE ALSO REPORT ON COMMITTEE 3).

(C) APPROVED REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ITU CONTRI-  
BUTIONS SUBMITTED BY ORGANIZACION DE LA TELEVISION IBERO-  
AMERICANO.

4. COMMITTEE 2 (PERSONNEL):

(A) APPROVED, AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, THE EX-  
TENSION OF THE CONTRACT OF PERSONNEL CLASSIFICATION  
EXPERT FOR PERIOD TO BE DETERMINED BY SYG, BUT TO  
LATER THAN JUNE 30, 1978;

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(B) DECLINED TO CONSIDER REESTABLISHMENT OF POST OF  
LEGAL ADVISER UNTIL DEPARTURE OF POST CLASSIFICATION EXPERT  
AND SYG ACCORDINGLY WITHDREW PROPOSAL (5027) UNTIL 1978 AC;

(C) AMENDED ITU STAFF REGS TO COMPLY WITH CHANGES MADE  
BY UNGA IN 1976 AFTER MANY COUNCILLORS COMPLAINED OF EX-  
CESSIVE GENEROSITY IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS TO UN-SYSTEM  
PERSONNEL (NON-RESIDENT ALLOWANCES, HIGH EXPATRIATION  
BENEFITS, ACCRUAL OF LEAVE, ETC.).

(D) APPROVED A SOVIET PROPOSAL (5107) OVER U.S. AND  
WESTERN EUROPEAN OBJECTIONS, WHICH CALLS UPON SYG TO GIVE  
PREFERENCE IN FILLING VACANCIES TO APPLICANTS FROM  
GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS UNDERREPRESENTED ON CURRENT STAFF, TO  
FILL P-LEVEL VACANCIES BY FIXED-TERM RATHER THAN PERMANENT  
CONTRACTS AND TO ENGAGE LARGER NUMBERS OF PROFESSIONALS AT  
P-1 AND P-2 LEVELS. ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION  
CLEARLY VIOLATES PROVISIONS OF TORREMOLINOS RESOLUTIONS FIVE  
AND SIX, SOVIETS VIRTUALLY ASSURED THEMSELVES OF LDC SUPPORT  
WITH LIBERAL REFERENCES TO EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION  
(AFRICA AND ASIA SERIOUSLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN  
STAFF, DUE LARGELY TO PAUCITY OF LDC CANDIDATES) AND PLAYED  
DOWN PORTION DEALING WITH FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS, WHICH WAS  
THEIR REAL OBJECTIVE. SYG UNDERESTIMATED POTENTIAL SUPPORT  
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FOR SOVIET PROPOSAL WHEN FIRST PRESENTED AND DID NOT TAKE  
SUFFICIENT MEASURES TO ORGANIZE OPPOSITION. AT ANY RATE,  
IN LATER PLENARY SESSION, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN READ STATEMENT  
INTO RECORD THAT COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CANNOT TAKE PRECEDENCE  
OVER PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS.

5. COMMITTEE 3 (TECHNICAL COOPERATION):

DEADLOCK OVER QUESTION OF USING REGULAR BUDGET FUNDS

FOR FINANCING OF ITU REGIONAL EXPERTS IF UNDP REFUSED  
TO PROVIDE FUNDS WAS BROKEN WHEN SYG, AFTER CONSIDERABLE  
PERSONAL PRESSURE FROM U.S. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AGREED  
TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR FINANCING FIVE REGIONAL EXPERTS UNTIL  
END OF 1978 BY USE OF SWISS POSTAGE STAMP MONEY AND OTHER  
EXTRA-BUDGETARY SOURCES. SYG DROPPED HIS EFFORTS TO HAVE  
AC DELCARE INTEREST ON DELAYED PAYMENTS AS EXTRA-BUDGETARY  
INCOME USABLE FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION PURPOSES. LDC'S  
ACCEPTED THIS SOLUTION AND BOTH THEY AND WEO'S WERE  
EXTREMELY LAUDATORY OF SUCCESSFUL U.S. EFFORTS TO SETTLE  
ISSUE WITHOUT FORCING DECISION OF PRINCIPLE ON USE OF  
INTEREST INCOME, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY  
DEVISIVE. COUNCIL WILL REVIEW SITUATION IN 1978.  
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